to cut down the cost overrun and the time overrun?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Sir, the House will be glad to know that for some time past now, particularly in the Central power sector we have been implementing our projects not only within the cost but also within the time. Korba, Singrauli, the NTPC have come up even ahead of time and within the cost. But, Sir, this is a legacy of the past. I entirely agree with the hon. Member that there has been too much of time overrun and cost overrun. Along with it, it is our effort to see that this will be avoided.

National Tannery Company Limited, Calcutta

*@328. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:†

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is examining the viability report prepared by the Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India on the National Tannery Company Limited of Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The report of the Working Group constituted by the IRBI for preparing a viability report on National Tannery Company was submitted by the IRBI to the Government. The report of the Working Group indicates that the assets cannot match the company's liabilities and that the company is non-viable. The State Government and the company have referred the matter to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction which has been set up under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special provisions) Act, 1985.

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Sir, considering the necessity for retention of the job of about 500 workers in the National Tannery Company Limited and, particularly, considering the potential for export earnings by this sophisticated shoe manufacturing unit, may I know from the hon. Minister whether any proposal from the trade union of workers for making this unit a captive unit of the State Trading Corporation is pending with the Government? If so, what is the reaction of the Government to this proposal?

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, My colleague in the Commerce Ministry, Mr. P. R. Das Munshi, has taken a meeting with all concerned including the trade union leaders and only after that the working group was constituted. The matter has been referred to the BIFR for their decision.

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Sir, considering the urgency of the matter, I would plead with the Government that the Industry Ministry should take a further initiative in arranging a meeting of representatives of the State Government, Government financial institutions and also the BATA India Limited to find a way for reviving this unit. Is the Government ready to have a further meeting immediately?

SHRI J. VENGAL RAO: Sir, the State Government as well as the company have referred the case of the company to the BIFR. The BIFR has registered the case, at serial number 223 on 27.10.87.

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA KRISHNA: Sir, this is a model project for other leather industries in the country. The hon. Minister says that according to the report of the IRBI, the industry is not viable. Generally, these tannery unit suffer losses either due to non-availability of raw skin or non-availability of marketing facilities. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether these are the

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†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Mostafa Bin Quasem.

reasons in the case of this National Tannery Company Limited.

SHRI J. VENGAL RAO: Sir, this is now with the BIFR. Only last month, they have registered the case. We are awaiting their report. Until and unless the report comes, we cannot say any thing.

*329. [*The questioner (Shrimati Krishna Kaul) was absent. For answer wide col infra*]. . .

Recovery of Unintended profits made on drugs

*330. SHRI PURUSAOTTAM KAKODKAR:†
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various courts have directed the Government to recover the arrears of unintended profits made on bulk drugs and formulations; and

(b) if so, what is the amount to be recovered on each drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The Supreme Court and some other Courts upheld the Government procedure for fixing the prices while deciding writ petition filed by some companies against prices fixed by the Government for different drugs. The Courts also directed the Government to give a hearing to the parties and to fix the prices thereafter. The Government heard the parties concerned and re-fixed the prices.

(b) Based on the prices re-fixed by the Government which were the same as those prevalent in 1981, approximate amounts recoverable upto 31-12-1983 have been worked out and the tentative amounts so recoverable and the names of the leading drug companies together with names of the drugs are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the drug	Tantative amount recoverable for the period ending 31-12-1983 (Rs.)
1	M/s. Hoechst (I) Ltd. . . .	Baralgan, Pyrelidine Methyl Tetracycline, Pheniramine, Glybenolamide, Frusemide and formalations.	5,54,12,423
2	M/s. Cynamid (I) Limited . .	Tetracyclines & formulations	4,92,00,247
3	M/s. John Wyeth Limited . .	Benzethine Penicillins and its formulations	1,66,87,232
4	M/s. Pfizer Ltd.	Oxytetracycline & its salts & formulations based thereon.	99,07,731
5	M/s. Geoffrey Manner Ltd. . .	Benzethine Penicillins and its formulations.	29,85,268
6	M/s. Ethnor Ltd. . . .	Tetramesol and its formulations	10.18,543
			13,62,11,444

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Purushottam Kakodkar.